

ALL INDIA SPORTS COUNCIL OF THE DEAF

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XXIII SUMMER DEAFLYMPICS SAMSUN, TURKEY ON JULY 18 TO 30, 2017

PERFORMANCE-CUM-ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

The **Deaflympics** are more than just the World's Second Oldest Multiple Sports & Games after Olympics. They are also among the World's Fastest Growing Sports Events. It is one of the four large scale sport games held under the auspices of the International Olympic Committee. The events are similar to those of the Olympic Games and are governed by the same rules. In addition, unlike other games for athletes with disabilities, which are all directed by non-disabled officials, the Deaflympics are **run by Deaf people for Deaf athletes** i.e. International Committee of Sports for the Deaf, Maison du Sport International, 54, Avenue de Rhodanie, Lausanne, CH-1007, Switzerland.

"Comite International des Sports Silencieux" (CISS) was founded in the Year 1924 at Lausanne, Switzerland. The First Games, known as the International Silent Games, were held in 1924 in Paris with athletes from nine European Nations participating and First Winter Games in 1949 in Seefeld, Austria. The Silent Games were the first ever for any group of people with disabilities. Furthermore, it was the secondly created internationally-competed games of any kind. The Modern-day Olympics was first. **1955 was the year that International Olympic Committee, Lausanne, Switzerland recognised the CISS as an International Federation with Olympic Standing.** Later CISS is renamed as International Committee of Sports for the Deaf in 2001. International Silent Games is renamed as World Games of the Deaf in 1969 and with IOC's approval change of "World Games for the Deaf" to "**Deaflympics**" in May 2001. The organisation of the Deaflympics is mostly equal to that of the Olympics with all amenities such as Olympic village, well equipped houses along with advanced media rooms, communication strategies, etc.

NATIONAL COACHING CAMP AND FINAL SELECTION TRIAL:

Based on the performance of XXI National Games of the Deaf held at Chennai during March, 2017 conducted by AISCD and other two tournaments conducted by National Sports Federations such as National Rifle Association of the Deaf and Indian Golf Union, the 43 men and 24 women were selected for the National Coaching Camp in four different centres i.e. (1) SAI Netaji Subhas Western Centre, Ahmedabad in the discipline of Athletics, Badminton, Swimming, Table Tennis and Wrestling, (2) Dr. KSSR Shooting Ranges Sports Authority of India, New Delhi for Shooting, (3) IGU, New Delhi for Golf and (4) DLTA, New Delhi for Lawn Tennis. National Coaching Camps had been started on 1st June, 2017. Accommodation and food were provided for all them properly. The Final Selection Trial was conducted and engaged under videography on 7th and 8th of June, 2017 in the presence of both AISCD Officials and SAI Officials.

Thereafter 28 Men and 20 Women were finally selected and retained in the respective camps till 15-07-2017. The Qualified Coaches and Assistant Coaches stayed with all athletes and trained them very well. At Gandhinagar Ashirwad Ceremony was organised by Affiliated State Unit – All Gujarat Sports

Council of the Deaf, Ahmedabad – on 15-07-2017 and Mr. Rajendra Trivedi, Minister for Sports Youth & Cultural Affairs (Independent Charge) was at present.

All Campers in Gandhinagar fled to New Delhi on 16-07-2017 and thereafter Indian Contingent including 13 officials left for Samsun by Flight on the same day.

On arrival at Samsun it has been announced that our Indian Badminton Women Player Ms. Jerlin Jayaratchagan from Tamil Nadu is **the Youngest Player in the XXIII Deaflympics, Samsun** and it was displayed by the Organisers at the Opening Ceremony, making India proud.

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Formalities had been paid to the Turkish Deaf Sports Federation and also ISCD. Accommodation and food were provided at the Deaflympics Village along with Transportation. One official of Embassy of India in Turkey Mr. Mohan Lal visited the Deaflympics periodically and supported with all possible assistance.

OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony was held on 18th July as witnessed by all the participants and officials was a grand one, somewhat equal to the Olympics Performance such as fire displays, colourful march-past, dances and float displays, traditional welcome songs, etc, etc which made the deaf participants from all over the world, 96 countries to have a different experience and it took nearly three hours and many VIPs witnessed it.

14 out of 48 Indian Athletes had been called for re-audiogram at Samsun itself, since ICSD have suspicious that they were good speech.

PERFORMANCE-CUM-ACHIEVEMENT:

a) Athletics:

Eight men and one woman attended with two coaches. As per the report of athletic Coaches Mssers Apurba Biswas and Satnam Singh, the performances of the athletes were up to the Standard and satisfactory one.

b) Badminton:

Four men and four women attended with one Deaf Coach. As report by the Badminton Coach Mrs. Sonu Anand Sharma, the players' performance was good and they tried their maximum and all participants performed up to international level. The Youngest participant of the Deaflympics our Ms. Jerlin Jayaratchagan's play was remarkable despite of her able to inter into 16th round. In Mixed Team Event, we got 5th place. The Coach further suggested for more coaching camps in future getting good results.

c) Golf:

Two participants attended and they were siblings, one boy and one girl with their father Mr. Narinder Dagar as Caddy-cum-Coach. The girl has got Silver Medal as the chance for Gold Medal was slipped out for a little calculation mistake. Boy got 16th place out of 21 participants. There is more scope for

them in future as reported by the Coach. It is to be noted that in XXIII Summer Deaflympics India was entered for first time and got Silver Medal in it.

d) Lawn Tennis:

Four men and five women attended with one Coach. As reported by the Lawn Tennis Coach Mr. Chandra Bhushan, the SAI Coach the team's performance was above standard and in almost all the matches, the rank was above 8. Men Singles Prithiv Sekhar got 5th Diploma, Men Doubles Sai Chandran and Prithiv Sekhar got 5th Diploma, in Women Doubles Shaik Jafreen and Vidisha got 5th Diploma, Parual Gupta and Madhu Jaiswal acquired 4th Diploma, in Mixed Doubles Prithiv Sekhar and Shaif Jafreen got Bronze Medal. Prithiv Sekhar's performance was remarkable one as first time India got Bronze Medal through him.

The Coach has commented that in future the accompanying of parents and personal coach with the players are to be discouraged to increase their self discipline, independent performance and self stamina in a peer group and this may help them to improve to get sure medals.

e) Shooting:

Only two female participants Ms. Monika Verma and Ms. Priyasha Deshmukh were there in 10 Mts Air Rifle. They qualified to finals in which got 5th and 6th Diploma respectively. As reported by Coach Mrs. Shakun Bhugra, SAI Shooting Coach, they performed well and there is good caliber for them to prosper.

f) Swimming:

Three participants attended. As per the report of the Coach Mr. Mayank Diwan, the participants gave their personal best time, but not qualified for the final and it was suggested that more training camps for them should be provided.

g) Table Tennis:

Four men and four women attended with two coaches (one from SAI, Gujarat and other deaf coach). Women Team got 6th Diploma. It was observed that as the deaf coach came one week late for coaching camp, the players missed their chance to perform well.

As per the report by the SAI coach, Mr. Vijay Kumar Aggarwal the performance of the players was up to standard and Suravi Ghosh has entered Women Singles in pre quarter final, Shineya Gomes and Suravi Ghosh entered Women Doubles in pre quarter final, Poli Saha and Archana Pandeey entered Women Double in Pre Quarter Final. Women Team got 6th Diploma and they can be promised for the future.

h) Wrestling:

India's only one Gold Medal was bagged by Mr. Virender Singh in 74 KG Freestyle. He started his career in 2005 and up to now got seven medals (four Gold, one Silver and two Bronze). Paradeep Malik got 7th Diploma in 57 KG Freestyle, Ajay Kumar got Bronze Medal in 57 KG Freestyle, Sumit Dahiya got Bronze Medal in 97 KG Freestyle; total accounting 4 medals to India's credit.

Paradeep Malik has participated in Greco Roman as well as Freestyle and in Greco Roman lost in Quarter Final. Mr. Shubham N. Patil lost in 98 KG Greco Roman.

As per report from the Coach Mr. Maha Singh Rao, Daronacharya Awardee & Chief SAI Wrestling Coach, the performance of Indian Wrestlers was very good and he suggested that more coaching camps should be conducted periodically to acquire more medals in future.

Dr. T. R. Umesh, Doctor from NIS, Patiala and Mr. G. B. Shethy, Physiotherapist from SAI New Delhi attended all properly. The detail Official Results of Indian Contingent is attached.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The Grand gala of the Closing Ceremony was held on 30th July, 2017 also was a very attractive one, prepared well by the organisers, which also was somewhat equal to the Olympics and the farewell displays attracted all which filled their hearts but with joyful tears in their eyes.

Indian Contingent departed Samsun on 31st July and arrived New Delhi on 1st August. Expected authorities from Government side to receive the contingent at Airport. But perhaps because of the early arrival at 04:00am, they could not come and it may be scheduled in future for the teams return time as per the convenience of Government authorities.

GENERAL

Mr. Roshan Jain, Patron, Mr. M. Walter Fernandez, Hony. General Secretary and Mr. Somesh Sharma, Project Officer had attended the 46th Congress of ICSD on July 16 and 17 and also attended the 11th Congress of APDSC on July 19, 2017.

Others from AISCD Executive Body Mr. Irshad R. Khan (Maharashtra), Mr. Sridhar Ananth (Pondicherry), Mr. Chand Pasha and Mr. Mohammed Valiuddin (both Telangana) had assisted Indian Contingent. Mr. Walter Fernandez and Mr. Ketan Shah, who were appointed as Chief-de-Mission and Interpreter respectively, had accelerated all properly. Thanks to all of them.

Generally AISCD thanks to Government of India for meeting the expenditure of Indian Contingent at full cost to Government. And also thanks to Indian Coaches who trained and accompanied the contingent.

Thanks to all Affiliated State Units for their supports and co-operation in all aspects. We express our sincere thanks to National Rifle Association of India and Indian Golf Union for their moral supports and co-operation and we hope they will extend their support to the deaf players in future as that is the need of the day for us.


M. Walter Fernandez
AISCD Hony. General Secretary



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